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SUBJECT: UNCTAD-CONVENTION ON A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES

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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE UNCTAD DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL TO ITS LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 3 CONCERNING THE US PROTEST RE UNCTAD SEEKING INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE IMPACT OF CODE OF CONDUCT ON CURRENT AND LONG TERM TRENDS IN SHIPPING AND PORTS. QUOTE (SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS ONLY) THE RELEVANT ITEM IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE, AS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR ITS SIXTH SESSION, READS AS FOLLOWS: "3. CONSIDERATION OF CURRENT AND LONG-TERM TRENDS IN SHIPPING AND PORTS IN THE LIGHT OF RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DECISIONS OF UNCTAD, AND THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES." THE WORDING OF THIS AGENDA ITEM CONSTITUTES THE ONLY GUIDANCE GIVEN TO THE SECRETARIAT IN PREPARING DOCUMENTATION FOR IT, THERE HAVING BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE

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MENTATION FOR IT, THERE HAVING BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE

DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE NOR ANY SPECIFIC "INSTRUCTIONS". YOU CONVEYED IN YOUR LETTER A LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THIS ITEM. IN THE VIEW OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, HOWEVER, ITS WORDING PERMITS THE INTERPRETATION REFLECTED IN HIS NOTE. HE CANNOT THEREFORE AGREE THAT THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WENT BEYOND THE INTENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

HE ALSO CONSIDERS THAT HIS REFERENCE TO THE DESIRABILITY OF THE EARLY ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY ADOPTED AT A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE, WITH THE SUPPORT OF A LARGE MAJORITY OF STATES MEMBERS OF UNCTAD, IS NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD REGRETS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO PROVIDE THE SECOND SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTED IN HIS NOTE. END QUOTE.

2. THE MISSION IS CONTEMPLATING NO FURTHER ACTION UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. ABRAMS

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